



Dear Community Partner,

We hope you enjoy the December edition of the City of Janesville's Community Advocate Update, filled with the latest information about exciting happenings here in Janesville!

City Releases Five Years in Review: As 2021 comes to an end, the City is reflecting on the last five years of progress made under its Strategic Plan with the release of its "2017-2021 Five Years in Review". This document, updated annually, summarizes significant projects and accomplishments made by the City over the last five years. The community can view the "2017-2021 Five Years in Review" on the [City's website](#).

Soup n' Sock Drive: The community can now donate canned soup and new socks at collection bins located in City facilities. The City will accept donations through Saturday, December 18. All items will then be distributed to area service providers. Visit www.janesvillewi.gov/soupsnsocks to learn more!

JPD Holiday Safety Tips: With the holiday shopping season and colder weather approaching, the Janesville Police Department would like to remind residents of a few tips that can reduce the likelihood of a theft from a motor vehicle. Never start your vehicle to warm it up in cold weather, leaving it unattended. Remember, the easiest and best way to prevent theft is by reducing the opportunity for anyone to steal your property. Visit www.janesvillewi.gov/safeholidays for more holiday safety tips.

City Hall Plaza Now Open: The City Hall Plaza, the main entrance of the Janesville City Hall on Jackson Street, has now reopened to the public after contractors completed a structural improvement project last month. The project to improve the fifty-year-old plaza first began in May 2019 after the City identified concerns with its structural integrity. Since then, a new waterproofing membrane and repairs to City Hall's underground parking structures have helped fortify the structural integrity of the plaza. Learn more about the project on the [City's website](#).

City Launches Podcast: The City is excited to announce the launch of the Park Place Podcast, a new initiative that aims to keep the community informed by highlighting the people, places, and partners of the City in an easy-to-access audio format. The podcast is available on Spotify, Google Podcasts, Stitcher, and the City's Facebook page. Community partners interested in being featured on the podcast should e-mail cojmedia@ci.janesville.wi.us.

Upcoming Events & Activities

- **Lincoln-Tallman House Holiday Tree Show:** The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) invites the community to experience holiday magic with the Lincoln-Tallman House Holiday Tree Show featuring more than 130 trees and decorations throughout the historic mansion. From nostalgic to patriotic, opulent and handmade, each tree has been decorated by a local business, nonprofit, or family. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [RCHS's website](#).
- **Delivering Bags of Hope:** The School District of Janesville's (SDJ) 13th annual Delivering Bags of Hope food distribution event will take place this Saturday, December 11. This Initiative provides over 350 families and 50 senior citizens with two weeks of groceries during winter break. To learn more, donate, or register to volunteer, visit [SDJ's website](#).
- **New Year's Eve Family Fun Kits:** The Janesville Recreation Division is helping the community ring in 2022 with their New Year's Eve Family Fun Kits! Each kit contains eight bags filled with different activities that families can enjoy throughout the day or night of their New Year's Eve festivities. Kits may be reserved through December 26 or while supplies last and cost \$35. To learn more and register for a kit online, visit the [City's website](#).

Questions? Contact Nick Faust, Communications Specialist at faustn@ci.janesville.wi.us or (608) 755-3094

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